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Big Convention Ends AMIDST Very Stormy Scenes

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Home Rule convention was the last and withal the stormiest of the three days' sittings in the city. While there had been a tacit agreement on the part of the conservative and more progressive sections of the convention to pass the constitution and by-laws as amended on the night before by a caucus, the members of which had been named from both sides by Delegate Wilcox himself, the result yesterday afternoon showed that there was on the part of one side at least no intention whatever to hold to the terms of the agreement.

The younger element went into the Orpheum yesterday afternoon, fully convinced that trouble had passed away and that there was an intention on the part of the convention to get down to hard work and let bygones be bygones. Instead of that, from the time the amended report of the committee was read until Prince Jonah Kaimanawa and his following walked out of the place, there was nothing but a storm of protests against the report, led by Delegate Wilcox and Senator Kalaupokalani, the men who on the previous night had shaken hands on the unity of the party, and the passage of the amended constitution and by-laws of the convention.

Old Man Starts Ball.

An old man from the other side of the Islands started the talk against the new constitution and by-laws, meant by the committee to give more power into the hands of the people. It had been changed so as to permit of the re-appointment of the old officers of the executive committee, and this having been the bone of contention on the previous day, when John Emmeluth was denounced by Delegate Wilcox, it was thought that all would go on smoothly.

One or two other old men got up and talked against the report of the committee and wanted it postponed indefinitely. It was then that John Wise arose and in a very eloquent speech told the members of the convention of what had been agreed on at the meeting held on the previous night, when the leaders of the party had shaken hands on the proposition of seeing the report of the committee through the convention. He said he had hoped the fire of the previous day had been totally extinguished, but he could see by the drift of the remarks on the part of members of the convention that there were still a few sparks left, and if great care were not taken, there would soon be another flame.

The speaker counseled the members of the convention for the last time to stand together and to believe in the integrity of the young men of the party who had been so reviled. He and the men associated with him had absolutely nothing else in their minds but the good of the party and the people. There was nothing in the constitution and by-laws that could be taken exception to.

Women Mutter.

During the whole of the speech of Mr. Wise, the four women from the other side of the Island who, if they were chosen by any duly qualified body, had no right to take part in the deliberations of the convention any way, kept up a series of mutterings and frowns, and as soon as the speaker had sat down, one of the number got up and denounced the new constitution and by-laws as an attempt to curtail the powers of the recognized leaders of the party. The old constitution and by-laws were good enough for them. In the heated argument that was being indulged in, Senator Kaohi, from Hawaii, got up and read some of the sections of the constitution and by-laws which the party had gone on up to the present time. He declared in a loud voice that there was no other constitution and by-laws, and that there should be an indefinite postponement of the report of the committee.

A motion was made to postpone consideration of the constitution and by-laws until 1903. Before there was time for anyone to make a remark even of the very briefest nature, President Kalaupokalani had risen to his feet, put the motion and declared it carried.

Prince Leaves Convention.

Previous to the passage of the motion, Prince Cupid had not said a word. After he had left the meeting, he explained that he did not care to say anything. He was totally disgusted with the work of the men he had trusted on the night before. He had shaken hands with Delegate Wilcox and Senator Kalaupokalani and both sides had promised to bury the hatchet. When he heard Wilcox talk against the very report which they had promised to put through the convention and then when Kalaupokalani got up and followed the lead of the Delegate, he was perfectly dumbfounded. There was really nothing to say and he did not care to protest. When John Wise came to him and asked him for advice as to what to do, he told him to do nothing and that when the proper time came he himself would have somewhat to say.

The proper time came more quickly than expected and as soon as the motion to postpone the consideration of the constitution and by-laws had been carried, the Prince arose in a very dignified manner, called for silence, and said in a few brief words, as published in the Bulletin extra yesterday, that it was his intention to leave the convention with the Home Rule party. He, the Delegate and Senator Kalaupokalani had shaken hands on the matter of the constitution and by-laws, and both these men had broken faith with him. He did not care any longer to affiliate himself with a party in which such men were at the head. He would leave the party forever.

As quietly as he had risen to his feet the young Hawaiian Prince took his hat and walked out of the Orpheum, looking neither to one side nor the other. He did not even cast a glance in the direction of his followers, but kept on out of the hallway and down the street.

Notwithstanding this fact, the major part of his followers in the convention, among the leaders being John Wise, Carlos Long, David Ewaliko, Representative Mahoe and others, arose from their seats and followed the Prince. Soon there were little bunches of politicians scattered all the way down Fort street, talking over the situation.

Kanahu Tried to Speak.

After the Prince and his followers had left the convention, Senator Kanahu arose and tried to speak, but the excitement had reached such a pitch that all the delegates were talking at once, and no one could hear a thing. Finally Senator Kanahu gave up in disgust and, taking his hat, followed the others out of the theater.

Senator Kalaupokalani soon had the ears of the members of the convention. In prefacing his remarks, he told all those who wanted to go to do so at once. There were some important matters to be considered, and the sooner they were attended to the better. Let those who had left the hall go if they wanted to. Those who remained should stick together. It would not do to believe what other people should tell them, particularly the ones who had left the hall.

The speaker again rang the changes on the fact that the members of the party were poor, but that they should have love of their country in their breasts. The people who had left the hall were trying to bounce the older element so that they might have everything their own way.

At the conclusion of these remarks, there were cheers and then cries for Wilcox. George Markham arose and secured the floor from several others who were talking, the chair knowing just what he had up his sleeve. He proposed the nomination of Wilcox as next Delegate to Washington in the following resolution:

Whereas, an election for Delegate to Congress will be held on the first Tuesday of November, 1902, in the Territory of Hawaii; and,

Whereas, the present term of office expires on March 3d, 1903; and,

Whereas, the Hon. Robert W. Wilcox, in the discharge of his duties as Delegate to Congress, we, the Independent Home Rule party approve of the course that he has pursued; and,

Whereas, he became familiar and acquainted with the duties of his office and members of Congress; therefore be it

Resolved, That the name of the Hon. Robert W. Wilcox be placed before this convention as nominee of the Independent Home Rule party as delegate to Congress.

There was no need of anything being said. The resolution found second all over the hall. The resolution was rushed through by a unanimous showing of hands in favor of it. When the enthusiasm had died away, Wilcox made a speech, thanking the convention for the honor they had conferred upon him.

Wilcox on Bolters. He made special reference to the action of the young men in leaving the convention, characterizing it as the action of a lot of hot-heads. They were too young to expect to lead the party. They had not been in politics long enough. They would get over their anger and would come back again into the fold. He would try to get them back, and he believed he could. If they should return, the members who had remained loyal to the party should not call them kids. They should be called very smart.

The speaker also made reference to Mr. Emmeluth, stating that he had apologized to that man for the language he used against him on the previous day and that the whole thing had been fixed up. He had been angry at Emmeluth because he had been misled into joining the young men.

Delegate Wilcox made special reference to the constitution and by-laws, but studiously avoided a statement of the fact that both sides had on the previous night come to an agreement on the matter and had shaken hands.



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George Markham was on the floor as soon as Wilcox had completed his speech. He introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by the convention:

Whereas, the Hon. E. Cayless has assisted the Hon. R. W. Wilcox in his work at Washington; and

Whereas, he is a true friend of the Hawaiian people;

Resolved, That this convention of the Home Rule party endorse his services as a unit.

The next thing done was the recasting of the committees on framing laws to shut out the bolters from the party. The result was as follows: J. A. Akina, D. Kalaupokalani, D. Kalaupokalani Jr., J. P. Makainai and R. W. Wilcox. The following committee on by-laws was named: Edgar Cayless, J. M. Poeppel, J. Emmeluth, J. Kaneali and J. Kanul.

Endorsement of Wilcox.

Markham's third resolution, relating to the work of Wilcox in Washington, was adopted. It reads as follows:

Resolved, That we, the Home Rule party of Hawaii, do hereby approve the work and endorse the course of our Delegate, Hon. R. W. Wilcox, during his service in the Congress of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That in the name of our people, we protest against the efforts of various people and corporations to discredit our Delegate by sending so-called representatives to Washington to oppose and obstruct him in the discharge of his official duties, by attempting to secure the introduction or presentation of measures before Congress without observing the courtesy due to him of first presenting such measures for his approval; and be it further

Resolved, That we repudiate all measures so brought before Congress as unsanctioned by the people unless duly and properly presented by our said Delegate, and request him to be governed accordingly in his official action regarding such measures.

Wilcox was on the floor again, and this time it was to make a public apology for the words he had used against Emmeluth. A committee of one, consisting of Mr. I, was appointed to go to Mr. Emmeluth with the pipe of peace. Makainai addressed the convention, saying he wished to go home and tell the people to stand firm. It would be necessary to build up the strength of the party to meet the defection of those who had walked out of the hall.

Cayless Speaks.

Cayless addressed the convention in the following language:

"When I talked of unity to you yesterday I did not know it was so thoroughly ingrained in you. This is not the first time there have been mistakes made in the party, but I hope it will be the last. The bolters have shown a peevish and childish spirit, as I take it, but it has shown that you are really united in your hearts. Take that spirit home in your hearts. Say to your people that the war is on. That city and county government is the battle cry, and that every soldier is a Kamehameha, and we will win."

Kalaupokalani closed the convention by saying that it was time for the people to stand together. The moment the people weakened they were lost. He advised them to send in their reports. The delegates then stood and sang "Hawaii Pono," and with a prayer from Kalaupokalani the convention was at an end.

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